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Three-Way Nerve War Is Needling Castro

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MIAMI, Florida—Here is the way three enemies of Fidel Castro have divided among themselves their war of nerves against the Cuban communist dictator.

Their three-part war is not the result of formal agreement; rather, their own distinctive revolutionary talents decided the parts they would play.

UNDERGROUND EXPERT

• Most attention is focused on Manuel (Manolo) Ray, a quiet, unassuming engineer, 39, who looks like almost anything but the veteran underground leader that he is. Ray was once Castro's Minister of Public Works. Today he heads the Revolutionary Junta (JURE).

He is expected to rebuild an urban underground movement in Havana and other Cuban cities like the one he bossed during the fight against former President Fulgencio Batista.

HIT-RUN RAIDER

• Another ex-Fidelista, Manuel Artime, one of the leaders of the ill-fated exile invasion at the Bay of Pigs in April 1961, is striking with hit-and-run, commando-type raids at vulnerable points along Cuba's lengthy coastline.

GUERRILLA LEADER

• Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, who also fought against both Batista and Castro, plans to organize guerilla bands in sparsely settled areas of central Cuba.

Each of the three, Cuban exile sources here say, has his own peculiar method of attack. Each is personally valiant. Each knows Castro personally and each one hates him.

Neither together nor singly are they believed strong enough to defeat Castro and the communists in a show-down fight, but they are deemed capable of causing Castro many headaches.

Copley News Service correspondents who know the three Cuban exile leaders consider them men who cannot be dismissed lightly, even tho their forces are not numerically strong.

"Either I will be kissing the earth of Cuba or the earth of Cuba will be kissing me," Sr. Ray told Charles Keely, CNS correspondent in Washington more than a year ago. At that time, Sr. Ray pledged he would be back in Cuba by May 20, 1964, the 62d anniversary of the proclamation of the republic in Cuba.

LEFTIST REFORMER

In Miami's Cuban exile colony he is considered by many to be a leftist who would like to see a 'moderate' socialist state in Cuba, with few U. S. ties.

He has advocated a number of the sweeping reforms instituted by Castro. Many exiles suspect that private property and foreign investment might be as precarious under Sr. Ray as under the current Castro regime, but Ray is said to have considerable popular support inside Cuba. He claims it reaches to the uppermost strata of the Castro government and the Cuban military.

POLITICAL LONER

Somewhat of a loner in exile politics, he was a reluctant member of the Cuban Council formed to front for the Central Intelligence Agency at the time of the Bay of Pigs.

The platform of Ray's organization, JURE, is based on the original revolutionary aim of Castro.

JURE leaders say co-ordination of an effective underground may take a year and a half. They promise no spectacular sabotage campaigns or guerilla warfare.

ALPHA 66

Gutierrez Menoyo, however, is pledged to handle the guerilla campaign.

Gutierrez Menoyo, operates thru an exile group called Alpha 66. He hopes to revive the guerilla organization he worked with against both Batista and Castro in the Escambray mountains.

The Escambray region was where Gutierrez Menoyo and William Morgan, the U. S. soldier of fortune, sought to mount an offensive against Castro in late 1960 and 1961. Mr. Morgan, then operating a Castro government frog farm, was executed by a firing squad for helping the guerillas.

FIRST BLOW STRUCK

Sr. Artime and his Revolutionary Recovery Movement struck the first blow in this new psychological warfare offensive against Castro and the communists by destroying 70,000 bags of sugar, worth more than a million dollars, and damaged the Central Pilon sugar mill in Oriente province a week before Sr. Ray's May 20 "return to Cuba" deadline.

From Nicaragua, where Sr. Artime and his men have been training, there have come reports of some confusion among Cuban exiles and other observers.

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